

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, we take a moment to offer a prayer of thanks-
giving for Your personal friendship, countless blessings and per-
sonal concern for us. At the beginning of this new academic year,
we are grateful for the gift of our children and for the commitment
of our families who nurture, protect and educate our children and
young people. In this age of constant major technological advances,
help us to provide our children and young people with an excellent
education to meet current and future challenges in our changing
world. In our search for excellence in the education process, inspire
us to explain to all students the necessity and relevance of human
and spiritual values in building a civil, peaceful and safe society.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees
of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Speaker, the members, guests and employees
joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) was
referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two
branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the
committee on Public Service be granted until Sunday, October 31,
2004 the time within which to report on current House documents
numbered 4815, 4940, 4960, 4962, 4963 and 5017 and Senate docu-
ment numbered 2452.

Public
Service
committee,
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then
reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the
rules, on motion of Mrs. Walrath of Stow, the order was considered
forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The engrossed Bill relative to the disposition of certain land in
the city of Lowell (see Senate, No. 2421, changed and amended),
which had been returned to the Senate by Her Honor the Lieutenant-
Governor, Acting Governor, with recommendation of amendment
(for message, see Senate, No. 2479), came from said branch with the
endorsement that it had rejected said amendment.

Lowell,
land.

The bill bore the further endorsement that it had been amended
by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place
thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2482.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, the amendments were considered forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the Acting Governor was rejected, in concurrence.

The amendment adopted by the Senate (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) then was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order (having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Banks and Banking be granted until Friday, October 29, 2004 within which to report on the current Senate Bill 2386 relative to providing remedies to consumers for clearing title after payoff of mortgages.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ruane of Salem, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill establishing the Taunton industrial improvement district in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2444) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill authorizing certain terms for borrowing by the town of Falmouth for the acquisition and operation of a golf course (Senate, No. 2447) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

The House Bill relative to child labor (House, No. 4891) came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (in which the House had non-concurred).

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Hart, Morrissey and Lees had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Thomas M. Finneran for payment from the state treasury to the estate of the late Mary Jane Simmons of Leominster the salary to which she would have been entitled had she served until the end of the term for which she was elected. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by resolve) was referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of Joint Rule 12.

Banks and
Banking
committee,
reporting
deadline.

Taunton,
industrial
improvement.

Falmouth,
golf course.

Child
labor.

Committee of
conference.

Mary Jane
Simmons.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the bill (Senate, No. 2474),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Child
support,
collection
process.

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill to provide greater consumer protection powers to the boards within the Division of Professional Licensure (House, No. 4937) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Licensure
boards,
study.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5044),— was rejected.

Mr. Bosley of North Adams then moved that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5074), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Department of Fire Services (House, No. 5065). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Noreen
Whitaker,
sick leave
bank.

Mr. Kujawski of Webster, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Teahan of Whitman, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas F. Sweeney, Jr., an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2333, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Thomas F.
Sweeney, Jr.,
sick leave
bank.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 9 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills
Relative to retirement rights of school committee appointees (see House, No. 3960); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Hingham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4896);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the residency requirement of the town manager of the town of Concord (House, No. 4475), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. Fagan of Taunton,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M.

At twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth, the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.